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Meet the revolutionary "clean energy" vehicle: the Nuna 4



Photo above shows of the team of the Delft's Technical University with the Nuna 4. For story on page 9

Siamese twin girls separated, in Panama first

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AFP) - Year-old Siamese twin girls connected at the abdomen were surgically separated yesterday by a team of 50 doctors from Panama and Argentina, in Panama's first medical operation of this kind.

"We're very happy because

the surgery was very difficult and complex. It took many months of preparation, but it's yielded results," Caja del Seguro Social Hospital pediatrics chief Iliana Ceballos told Telemetro Reporta, a television news program.

She said the operation,

postponed from August because the girls had the flu, took less time than expected.

"I'm very pleased and very happy," said the twins' mother, Sarita Gil.

Ceballos said the next 24-48 hours were crucial in the girls' recovery.

2010 Census begins today!



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Donkey Sanctuary Aruba Family Day posponed

SANTA LUCIA -- The Family Day, scheduled for Sunday, October 3, at the Donkey Sanctuary in Sta. Lucia, has been postponed. This due to the ongoing rain and forecast for more rain.

The contest to name the baby born on August 30th is still going on. You can go to the Sanctuary to register, or register on-line on the Sanctuary website www.arubandonkey. org or on Facebook.



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watch groups, 50 years on

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Back in feisty Cold War-era form at 84, Fidel Castro rallied thousands of Cubans yesterday on the 50th anniversary of a pillar of Cuba's communist regime: the neighborhood watch group.

Castro, decked out in his traditional olive drab and military cap, continued his long, steady comeback from near death in his 2006 intestinal cri-

He left the presidency after 50 years but remains Cuban Communist Party chief. His brother Raul Castro, 79, succeeded him as president.

Yesterday Fidel Castro spoke for two hours before the crowd of faithful outside the Museum of the Revolution where he launched the Committees for the defense of the Revolution (CDRs) decades ago, as Cuba faced terror strikes after he rose to power in 1959.

"I hasten to state that we have got the job done, and you will continue to keep alive the promise of that historic night,"

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Castro said, as followers chanted "We are with you Fidel, for whatever is needed, Fidel."

Though the president was not on hand, the revolutionary icon took the occasion to slam capitalism as lacking "morals, decency and ethics," even as Cuba scrambles to right its feeble economy by firing 500,000 government workers and allowing more private self-employment.

CDRs, often described as a pillar of the communist regime itself, are the self-styled "eyes and ears of the Revolution" in

Critics say the watch groups are a repressive tool, giving the government a heads-up on dissident activities on the micro-local level, sometimes tattling on the non-compliant.

Indeed, 8.4 million Cubans over 14 of the national population of 11.2 million register as CDR members; some critics claim Cubans fear potential reprisals if they do not toe the party line.

US welcomes strong opposition showing in Venezuela

WASHINGTON(AFP) - The United States yesterday welcomed Venezuela's election results saying anti-American President Hugo Chavez will not be able "to dictate policies to a compliant" legislature.

Chavez claimed election ctory as results vesterday showed his leftist party winning a majority of seats in the National Assembly but losing its crushing two-thirds supermajority.

"We commend the people of Venezuela for what appears to be a peaceful and successful election," State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told reporters.

Castro lauds neighborhood Seven dead, 100 missing as landslide buries homes in Mexico

OAXACA, Mexico (AFP) -At least seven people were killed and 100 were missing and feared dead after a rainsoaked Mexican hillside collapsed before dawn yesterday, burying homes and entombing residents while they slept, authorities said.

Oaxaca Governor Ulises Ruiz initially told Mexican television that the landslide buried between 100 and 300 homes and that "up to 1,000" people were feared dead.

Ruiz later told Mexican radio that authorities in the town of Santa Maria Tlahuitoltepec listed seven dead and 100 missing, although the report was preliminary and there were fears that the toll could rise.

A swath of hillside about 200 meters (660 feet) wide gave way above a group of homes in a remote mountain town in the southern state of Oaxaca, where incessant rain in the wake of Tropical Storm

Matthew has caused deadly floods.

The rush of mud hit around 3:00 am in the town of some 10,000 people at an elevation of 2,400 meters (7,920 feet).

It was not immediately clear if the toll had been revised because survivors had been pulled from the mud and debris, missing residents had been found, or the number of estimated homes buried had changed

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Registration for Land Exam closes on September 30, 2010

ORANJESTAD – The Exam Buro announces that the last day for registration for Land Exam is September 30, 2010. The registration forms are available at the Exam Buro at Belgiestraat 2. Candidate must fill the forms out completely and correctly. After screening, the candidate will receive a notification of acceptance and also to hand in the corresponding documents.

The Land Exam will be in the new style, meaning that the candidate will work with profiles. The candidate can choose between three different profiles, Human and Social Sciences, "Humanities and "Natural Sciences."

The different requirement to participate in the Land Exam is:

- Candidate must not go to any school, during the day or at night,
- Minimum age is 17 years for MAVO, 18 years for HAVO and 19 years for VWO.

For more information candidates can go personally to the Exam Buro, at Belgiestraat 2, from Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Candidates can also call at tel. 583-8684 during office hours.

Being a mother who breastfed her two children Minister Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar inaugurates "Week of Breastfeeding"



ORANJESTAD -- This week Aruba is celebrating: 'Breastfeeding Week'. This year is a special one, because Minister of Social Affairs, Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar proached the 'Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama' the Pro Breastfeeding Foundation, to officially inaugurate the week Breastfeeding. The minister acted in replacement of Minister of Public Health and Sports, Richard Visser, who at present is attending a PAĤO meeting in the U.Š.A.

The Fundacion Pro Lechi Mama expressed to be honored with this gesture. They gave Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar a full presentation of their activities, not only for this week, but also of the last eight years of their existence

and their future plans.
One very special activity the foundation is organizing is the 'Desafio di Lech'i Pecho,' the Quintessence Breastfeeding Challenge. Goal of this event is to get as much mothers as possible to breast feed their children simultaneously around the world. Aruba has united itself to this world challenge. The aim of this year is to break last year's record where 24 mothers breast fed 26 children. The theme of this challenge: 'All Babies Counts.'

The event will take place on October 2, 2010, at the Wilhelmina Park in Oranjestad, from 4 to 6 p.m. All mothers who are breastfeeding their children are invited to join in this challenge and to make a difference and show the importance of mother's milk, especially in

According to Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, the rea son she supports the Week of Breastfeeding is that she sees this as the most beautiful gift a mother can give her child in the first years of their lives. Mother's milk is a right, for the child as well as for the mother. These rights have to be protected and elevated. It is a fact that only a woman

can breastfeed a child, and most of the time, apart from being a mother she is also a wife, a partner, mother of more children and also has a career. Each one of these tasks is very demanding, with many challenges.

During the conference, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar recounts her own experience with her two children. She breastfed them for nine months, this is how she knows the importance of breast milk, for the mother as well as for the child. Besides being happy that her children are in good health, she cannot ignore the challenges of a mother. That is why it is very important for mothers to count on the help and support of organizations such as 'Fundacion Pro Lech'i Mama.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar concluded by saying she is very proud of each mother who breastfeeds her child and congratulates them on their week.



EPI students introduced to Nuna 4



ORANJESTAD -- After fourth in the Nuna solar vehi- energy is created. They also much publicity, the Nuna 4 has finally arrived on Aruba and will be exhibited at different spots on the island. The first to receive this honor were the EPI students. On Tuesday, students of the Delft's Technical University transported the Nuna 4 to the EPI College, Science Unit for an exhibition. Nuna 4 is the

of the Technical University in Delft, the Netherlands. The team, under the guindance of Professor Wubo Ockels, participated and won the 2007 World Solar Championship. During the presentation the EPI students received a thorough explanation on the materials used and now the where aUniversity team member rode the car.

The exhibition created much enthusiasm among the EPI student. The school is participating in the Science Fair which is part of the "Green is our Future" confe-



Combat Dengue

Keep around your house and yard clean

Reminder from the Central Bureau of Statistics: 2010 Census begins today!



Martijn Balkestein

Director of the Central Bureau of Statistics, Martijn Balkestein and Census Officer Monique Plaza remind islanders that today will begin the intensive week of Census 2010. The officers explained the information received and processed during Census 2010 is vital not only to effective administration of the Aruba but will go to the United Nations to provide the "big picture" of developing nations and global statistics on population and standards of living.

A temporary staff of over 1,200 has been hired to go out in teams of 20 to canvas Aruba's various neighborhoods. They will be visited residences at all reasonable hours of the day and evening and on weekends until the information gathering process ends on October 6. The CBS asks that families welcome census takers into their homes and be prepared with information that is required. However, it is essential to not take up too much of their time as they have many dwellings to canvas. During this census, the deployment of advanced technology, such as Netbooks, will expedite the recording and processing of the information.

Individuals who have lived on Aruba for more than one year are to be counted into the census; those who have lived on the island less than one year but intend to continue to reside on the island for a year or longer are also to be counted...

The first modern Population Census in Aruba took place in 1960. This Census was organized with the help

of the Lago Oil Company. In this first Census a total of 53,199 persons were recorded. Consecutive censuses were held in 1972, 1981, 1991 and 2000. Since 1972, the Population Census has been combined with a Housing Census.

When an interviewer arrives at your doorstep, before answering any question or inviting the person into your home, ask the person for

prepare beforehand and have the necessary information ready, such as:

* The year married or divorced; check to be sure it is accurate.

* Check diplomas if not able to recall the year studies were completed.

* During the Housing Census, the interviewer will ask for the size of the home (in square meters). If not known, it is requested it be measured beforehand. This also applies to the plot on which the living quarter is situated.

* During the Census, the interviewer will also ask for the gross salary. Consult a pay-slip if this information is not immediately known.

* The Aruban ID# of the heads of household is required.

The CBS proposes that because of Aruba's relative small size, the Census 2010 can accomplish a great deal in providing the people of Aruba with a better understanding of the socio-economic and demographic structure of the island. Inter-



Monique Plaza

his/her official census identification badge. All the interviewers must have an official badge with the Census 2010 logo, the signature of the director of the CBS and a picture of the interviewer. In case you are still not sure, ask the enumerator for a telephone number you can call for more information or get in touch directly with the CBS or the census team by calling 583-7433.

The enumerator could ask questions that cannot answer immediately. Therefore, the population is requested to

viewers will be filling out two forms, one related to individual information examining martial, health and standard of living status and the other to the household. The CBS assures that all information will be kept strictly confidential. For complete information on every aspect of the Census 2010, in English, Dutch, Papiamento and Spanish and an advance look at the question- naires and information required, visit the website: www.censo2010.aw.

by Rosalie Klein



For better and for worse but with a prenup

NEW YORK CITY – Americans are taking a cautious approach to marriage and are seeking more prenuptial agreements before walking down the aisle.

And it is not just the wealthy and famous who are looking to safeguard their assets when a marriage crumbles.

More women and middleclass couples are opting for prenups, which can also include adultery clauses, protection of retirement benefits and even custody of the dog, according to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), which represents more than 1600 lawyers

"It's a planning tool. Given that half of marriages end in divorce it makes sense to plan," said Marlene Eskind Moses, the president of the AAMI

Nearly three quarters of members who responded to the AAML poll reported an increase in prenups in the last five years, and more than half said more women are seeking the legal agreements.

Once thought of as only for the rich and famous, prenups are appealing to all income levels but for different reasons.

"Sometimes it can be a



prenuptial to protect against debt so that one is not responsible for debt their spouse accumulated before the marriage," Moses explained.

The legal agreements can also include clauses on financial arrangements such as budgets and whether the couple will have separate bank accounts.

More women are working now than in precious decades and they are earning higher salaries. Women comprised 46.8 percent of U.S. workers in 2009, according to the U.S. Department of Labor and that number is expected to rise to 46.9 percent in 2018.

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Well known local companies Stern and Crystal Casino present the car of your dreams: The Chevrolet Camaro 2 LT 2010

Its design evokes memories of the legendary model introduced in the year 1969. The Chevrolet Camaro 2010 combines the classical spirit of an American muscle car with fuel consuming efficiency, safety, maneuverability, technology and assembly quality, which are the demands for a modern sports vehicle.

Crystal Casino joined forces with Stern to offer the community of Aruba the opportunity to take home not just a car, but a Camaro 2 LT 2010, which inspires adventure and passion.

The Camaro 2 LT is a

powerful car with a 3.6 liter V6 engine with direct fuel injection, 6 speed manual and 304 horse power. Its design is "retro look" inspired, and it is equipped with a unibody chassis layout with independent suspension.

Auto enthusiasts are very impressed with the quality of this car. It is equipped with rear suspension, Stabilitrak (A technology called electronic stability control, which helps a driver maintain control of a vehicle when driving on ice, snow, or wet pavement. The proven lifesaving technology could dramati-

cally reduce the number rollover crashes because vehicles would stay on the road more often), stability suspension control with traction control, Six airbags, sun roof and air conditioning. The Camaro 2 LT version includes fog lights, 18-inch

alloy wheels and power driver seats, leather seats and much more. Its interior is contemporary and surrounded with a variety of equipments, giving a pleasant sensation while making you feel comfortable and safe.

The first Camaro will be delivered today at the Crystal Casino. It represents the famous 'bumble bee' Camaro (or the yellow Camaro) that became a sensation around

the world during the premier of the movie 'Transformer."

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of the movie 'Transformer." Here on Aruba it will surely arouse much interest and expectations among the community. So come and admire it at the Crystal Casino. The casino is offering its visitors the chance to win this car by playing on one of its six 1 cent slot machines. So anyone can drive away in this magnificent Camaro for only 1 cent!

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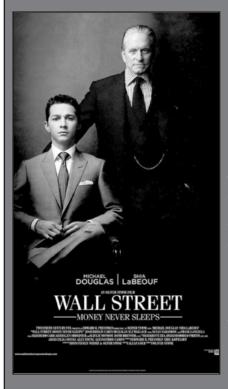


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Segway Inc. Owner Dies After Segway Accident



In a tragic twist, the owner of Segway Inc. has died after he reportedly drove off a cliff on one of the devices.

Jimi Heselden, 62, was riding a Segway near his home in West Yorkshire, England when he fell off a 30-foot cliff, ABC News reported.

"It is with great sadness that we have to confirm that Jimi Heselden OBE, has died in a tragic accident near his home in West Yorkshire," Segway said in a note on its Web site.

Heselden was chairman of Hesco Bastion, which manufactured protective barriers, and owner of Segway Inc. In its statement, Segway also noted Heselden's philanthropic work.

"A £10m gift to the [Help for Heroes and the Leeds Community] Foundation earlier this month saw his lifetime charitable donations top £23m," the company said.

New Exoskeleton Robot Suit is Faster, Stronger

A new second-generation exoskeleton robotic suit developed for the military - and deemed the closest thing to a real-life Iron Man costume - was unveiled on Monday during a demonstration with Paramount Home Entertainment.

The new robotic suit called Exoskeleton (XOS 2) - released by Raytheon Company - is lighter, faster and stronger than its predecessor, yet it uses 50 percent less power.

Raytheon is developing the robotic suit to help with the many logistics challenges faced by the military both in and out of battle. Repetitive heavy lifting can lead to injuries, orthopedic injuries in particular.

Instead, the XOS 2 does the lifting for its operator, reducing both strain and exertion. It also does the work faster. One operator in an exoskeleton suit can do the work of two to three soldiers.



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BlackBerry unveils 'PlayBook' tablet computer



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – BlackBerry maker Research in Motion is taking on iPad in the table computer game with a "PlayBook" aimed to capitalize on its strength -- the trust of business users keen on secure communications.

"It is the world's first professional tablet," RIM president and co-chief executive Mike Lazaridis said as he showed off the device in San Francisco.

The PlayBook is one of a number of tablet computers slated for release in a bid to challenge Apple's popular iPad and is the first foray outside the mobile phone realm for the Waterloo, Ontariobased RIM.

"They are kind of positioning it as the iPad for the suits," Gartner analyst Van Baker said of the PlayBook announcement.

The PlayBook has a seveninch (17.8-centimeter) touchscreen, smaller than the 9.7 inches of Apple's iPad, and also plays Adobe Flash video software, which is banned from the Apple device.

"You are going to be able to get the full Web experience," Lazaridis said, stressing its integration with RIM's BlackBerry smartphone, a favorite among many professionals

BlackBerry smartphone users can pair their handset with the PlayBook using a Bluetooth connection to view their email, calendar, documents or other content.

The PlayBook also features front- and rear-facing cameras to support video

conferencing and allows multi-tasking between programs.

RIM expects to begin selling PlayBooks in the United States in early 2011 and rolling the tablets out to other countries by the middle of the year.

Lazaridis did not reveal how much RIM plans to charge for the PlayBook.

"RIM set out to engineer the best professional-grade tablet in the industry with cutting-edge hardware features and one of the world's most robust and flexible operating systems," Lazaridis said.

Positioning PlayBook as a business person's tablet could stymie its popularity in the sizzling consumer market dominated by iPad, according to Baker.

"RIM has a bit of a split personality; they struggle with whether they are a consumer or enterprise device company," Baker said. "Enterprise is their bread and butter, but consumer is the big market right now."

The fact PlayBook users can route data through Black-Berry smartphones instead of paying for separate telecom service should prove a selling point in the business and personal markets.

PlayBook tablets also promise help RIM challenge the increasing use of iPads in workplaces.

RIM said that in the coming weeks it would release a software kit so third-party developers can begin tailoring applications, or "apps," for PlayBook.

PlayBook debuted at BlackBerry DEVCON, a combined boot camp and pep rally for outside developers crafting programs for the Canadian firm's devices.

RIM introduced tools that make it easier to build applications for BlackBerry handsets and make money with ads or "in-app" purchases.

Health & Living US says pomegranate juice firm made false health claims



WASHINGTON (AFP) – US regulators Monday charged POM Wonderful, the maker of a brand of pomegranate juice, had made unsubstantiated health claims about its products.

The Federal Trade Commission said the juice and supplements firm made "false and unsubstantiated claims that their products will prevent or treat heart disease, prostate cancer, and erectile dysfunction."

The complaint says the company "violated federal law by making deceptive disease prevention and treatment claims" with ads in the New York Times and other publications and on the Inter-

"Any consumer who sees POM Wonderful products as a silver bullet against disease has been misled," said David Vladeck, director of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection.

"When a company touts scientific research in its advertising, the research must squarely support the claims made. Contrary to POM Wonderful's advertising, the available scientific information does not prove that POM Juice or POMx (supplements) effectively treats or prevents these illnesses."

Among the claims made in the ads were that the juice or supplements were "proven to fight for cardiovascular, prostate and erectile health.'



Health Tip: Ward Off Tooth Decay

Tooth decay usually occurs when bacteria eat away at enamel that covers the teeth, frequently causing cavities. Steps to help reduce your risk of tooth decay:

- Using a fluoride toothpaste, brush your teeth at least twice daily.
- Floss your teeth each day.
- Stick to a healthy, balanced diet and avoid snacking between meals.
- Have regular dental checkups and cleanings.
- Get dental sealants, if your dentist recommends them.

Poor health habits linked to subpar work performance

healthy habits such as smoking, eating a poor diet and not getting enough exercise turn out to be less productive on the job, new Dutch research shows.

Unhealthy lifestyle choi-ces also appear to translate into a greater need for sick leave and longer periods of time off from work when sick leave is taken, the study reveals.

In particular, obese workers

People who engage in un- were 66 percent more likely to leagues reported. call in sick for 10 to 24 days than normal weight employ ees, and 55 percent more likely to take time off for 25 days or more, the study noted.

Smokers also took more sick leave. The cigarette habit translated into a 30 percent greater likelihood that a worker would take off 10 to 24 days because of poor health, Burdorf and his col-

By contrast, those who drank 10 or more glasses of alcohol each week were actually less likely to take time off for poor health, the authors observed.

Overall, the team found that weight appeared to be a key factor in whether or not an individual had an underlying health issue that might prompt needing sick leave.



"Our Future with Green Energy" conference gets a racing start as PM welcomes clean energy cars





Aruba's first Green Energy Conference and Trade Fair begins tomorrow afternoon at 1:00 p.m. with welcoming remarks by Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman and the official host of the event, Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza. One of conference's primary guest speakers, Professor Wubbo Ockels of The Netherlands, a professor at TU Delft and former NASA/ESA astronaut, will deliver the opening address.

Student from TU Delft arrived yesterday with their revolutionary "clean energy" vehicles to receive a personal welcome by Prime Minister Eman in the gardens of the Renaissance Convention Center, which is hosting the conference and trade fair.

Joep Steenbeck, Rein van den Eijnde and Jacco Boersen gifted the Prime Minister with an autographed souvenir book about their solar car, which has won the annual five-day race conducted across Australia dedicated to vehicles deploying alternative, renewable energy.

The Greenchoice Forze Hydrogen Car "is built for speed," explained driver Andrew Hagens, a native Aruban who is now a student at TU Delft and part of the seven-man team managed by Wouter Krul. "While the solar car is built for efficiency, the hydrogen car can maintain higher speeds." Though not by much, according to the solar car crew, who never have to get their tank refilled.

Visitors to the Our Future with Green Energy Conference and Trade Fair will have ample time to personally enquire with team members from both crews. The cars will be performing around Oranjestad all through the conference, from September 29 to Sunday, October 3, when they will attempt to set new world speed records for such vehicles at the Palo Marga Race Course near San Nicolas.

Tomorrow evening a gala dinner will be held at the Renaissance Center with the Keynote Address delivered by Nobel Peace laureate and former Vice President of the U.S.A., Mr. Al Gore.

Thursday, September 30, guest lecturers will speak on solar, wind and water power technology. Featured speakers include Dr. Ed Cheung of NASA, Mr. Bryan Ashley of Suniva, Freddy Vargas of Aruba, Professor Wim Sinke of The Netherlands, Bob Shulte of the EcoPower Project, H. Hutting from Holland and Rene Raaijmakers, ocean energy expert; Gilbert Gouverneur of Curacao and Professor Frank de Bruijn, ECN will contribute to the Water topic. Each subject will finish with a panel discussion and Q & A.

Friday, October 1 will mark the beginning of the Green Energy Trade Fair, to which the public is welcome. It will feature an exposition of the entries from an island-wide Science Fair for students of all ages, with the award ceremony beginning at 4:00 p.m. Visitors to the trade fair can expect many fascinating exhibits and demonstrations of the possibilities of clean, renewable energy sources and what they can do for Aruba.

by Rosalie Klein



Tasting a great wine for a good cause at Ling & Sons

Sometimes shopping is great fun, like last week at Ling & Sons Supermarket, when the Arion Wine Company held a tasting of its extraordinary Na-Wines. maqua Made from premium grape varietals and carefully guarded until the wines are bottled, the wine received oohs and aah at the tasting.

The cups were poured by Maria, who did an excellent job selling the bottles of Namaqua. They flew across the counter; logical, as they only cost \$ 9.95. Of

that amount \$0.50 cents will Ling & Sons Supermarket, so go towards the Cas di Glas schedule your shopping carefundraising event, held this week at the Renaissance Marketplace.

The Arion Wine Company will hold two more tastings at



fully: this Friday from 5.30 -7.30 and on Saturday.

Photo shows Maria pouring away at Ling & Sons Super-











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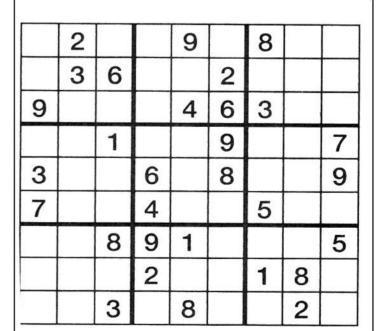
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Under-fire Vatican bank says it has 'nothing to hide'

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ROME, Italy (AFP) - Vatican bank president Ettore Gotti Tedeschi, under investigation as part of a money laundering probe, said yesterday that the institution had "nothing to hide."

"We have nothing to hide and we are hiding nothing," Gotti Tedeschi said during the launch of a book about the decline of the post-war Italian economy.

Gotti Tedeschi refused to answer questions from journalists, but said he had attended the book launch to show the bank's "desire for absolute transparency."

Chief executive Paolo Cipriani is also under investigation, and both he and Gotti Tedeschi will face the first phase of questioning tomorrow, judicial sources said.

Gotti Tedeschi has been accused of violating laws put in place in 2007 that have tightened rules on disclosure of financial operations to the Italian central bank in a bid to stamp out money laundering.

The investigation was launched after the financial intelligence office at the Bank of Italy noticed two operations by the bank that it deemed suspicious

The first was a transfer of 20 million euros to JP Morgan Frankfurt, while the other was a three-million-euro transfer to Italian bank, Banca del Fucino, according to Italian media.

Shell protects wells from oil theft in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria (AFP) - Anglo-Dutch Shell in Nigeria said yesterday it was close to completing a program that would make all its 112 oil wells in Ogoni community in the Niger Delta less vulnerable to attacks and theft.

Shell, Nigeria's premier oil producer, has pumped no oil in Ogoni community since 1993 when the company withdrew its workers from oil fields there following attacks on its installations.

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dangerous at the time to secure the wellheads and has since suffered from major oil theft and attacks on its installations.

"Since 1993, 96 percent of all oil spills from SPDC (Shell Petroleum Development Corporation) facilities in Ogoni have been due to sabotage or theft, which remains the dominant cause for oil spills throughout the Niger Delta," the company said in a statement.

"At that time it was not safe for staff to fully secure wells, which is SPDC's normal practice when it ceases production from wells and other facilities."

Recent improvements in security and support from local government and traditional authorities have allowed the program to secure the area, started in 2005, to progress, the statement said.

A government amnesty program introduced last year has doused tension in the Niger Delta and has boosted oil production in the oil-rich region.

Survey: US consumer confidence slumps in September

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US consumers grew decidedly more pessimistic about the nation's economic recovery in September, seeing worsening business and job market conditions, a key survey showed yesterday.

The Conference Board, a business research firm, said its consumer confidence index dropped to 48.5 points from 53.2 in August, when sentiment had unexpectedly improved after two months of decline.

The sharp September slump was unexpected. Most analysts had predicted the index would weaken only slightly, to 53.0 points.

"Overall, consumers' confidence in the state of the economy remains quite grim," Lynn Franco, the firm's research director, said in a statement.

Franco attributed September's pull-back in confidence to "less favorable business and

labor market conditions" that were coupled with a more pessimistic short-term outlook.

The cutoff date for the firm's latest survey of 5,000 US households was September 21, the same day the Federal Reserve said it was prepared to act if the tepid recovery in the world's largest economy cools further.

The Conference Board's consumer confidence survey is considered a bellwether on consumer spending, which drives about 70 percent of the country's economic activity.

Franco noted that with so few consumers expecting conditions to improve in the near term, "the pace of economic growth is not likely to pick up in the coming months."

The September reading was the lowest since February as consumers grapple with weak business conditions and high unemployment near 10 percent in an economy struggling to recover from the worst recession in decades.

More than eight million jobs were lost in the recession that began in December 2007.

The economy has grown for four consecutive quarters. But the pace slowed to 1.6 percent in the second quarter this year from 3.7 percent in the preceding quarter.

The recession ended in June 2009, according to the official arbiter of US business cycles, the National Bureau of Economic Research.

The biggest challenges now to consumer confidence may be gnawing worries about the real health of the economy, said Scott Hoyt of Moody's Analytics.

"Fears instilled by the most severe recession since the Depression likely linger," he said.

"Uncertainties over enacted and proposed reforms of health care, financial regulation, environmental regulation and immigration likely weigh heavily on confidence."

S.Africa to seek investment in major solar park

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AFP) - South Africa's energy minister said yesterday that the country will seek billions of dollars in investment for a 5,000-megawatt solar park that will help shift the country toward green energy.

Energy Minister Dipuo Peters said South Africa will host an investors' conference on October 28 and 29 in an effort to generate private-sector interest in the project, an effort to begin weaning the country off its energy mainstay, coal.

The conference will be held in the town of Upington in South Africa's Northern Cape province, a flat expanse of arid land that the energy department and the non-profit Clinton Climate Initiative have identified as an ideal spot for solar energy production.

"The conditions in the Northern Cape are ideal for the establishment of a solar park, primarily due to the intense solar radiation in this province," Peters said.

Ira Magaziner, the chairman of the Clinton Climate Initiative -- a clean energy program sponsored by former US president Bill Clinton's charitable foundation -- said South Africa has some of the best conditions in the world for solar power.

"It's probably the best we've seen in the world all around," Magaziner told AFP.

He said besides having some of the best sunshine in the world, the Northern Cape also has the geography and infrastructure to make it a major solar production point.

"There's large amounts of land, and for solar energy you need a lot of land. In the Northern Cape you have vast expanses of land with no alternate use. And also it's near water, the Orange River, so you can use that for the steam in the plants. And then also it's not too far from transmission lines," he said.

"South Africa can become a major force in the world in the export of solar power." The energy department estimates the project would cost billions of dollars over a decade-long period.

Peters said the government would provide all the infrastructure for the project, then lease out land to private developers who would finance and build individual projects that would sell power to the national grid.

South Africa relies on coal for about 90 percent of its annual energy production of almost 40,000 megawatts.

The proposed solar park would provide as much power as one coal-fired power station, Peters said.

Michelin goes for growth with shock capital rise

PARIS, France (AFP) – Global tyre manufacturer Michelin revealed an aggressive drive into fast-growing emerging markets yesterday, with a big capital increase which shocked investors and pushed down its shares.

The surprise announcement that the France-based group would raise 1.2 billion euros (1.6 billion dollars) with a preference issue for shareholders, but at a 31.0-percent discount to the last quoted price, drove Michelin shares down by 11.52 percent

to 57.74 euros in midday trading.

Michelin pitched the issue price for the new shares at 45 euros per share, well below the price of 65.26 euros at the close of trading on Monday.

Michelin, known as a supplier of tyres for cars, trucks and aircraft around the world, and for its brand logo of a man made of tyres, said that the capital increase would enable it raise investment in 2011 to 1.6 billion euros from 1.2 billion euros.

The Queen's offers an authentic taste of **Aruba!**



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef



Grandma's stoba w/rice and beans and potato salad

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban res- taurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

IE MORNING NEWS Wednesday, September 29, 2010 Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept.'

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there.'





Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectahomes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to pro-



cular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service, There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

vide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and preshopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.



Cupcakes fly over the counter like hot cakes



Everyday Cupcakes is the name of the fantastic, freshly baked cupcakes of a newcomer company. Two friends, Zuki and Vanessa, have started their business just a few weeks ago. They are creating exciting new tastes, like kiwi-lime or mango, and they have the icing down pat; not easy in this climate.

Last Sunday morning, at the entrance of Ling & Sons Supermarket, Zuki and Vanessa were beaming: they were introducing their new product to Aruba and their one hundred cupcakes were sold out in just over an hour. The

great thing was that they were selling their cupcakes for a good cause: the Cas di Glas fundraising for a mobile breast cancer screening unit. What a wonderful, special introduction!

The Cupcake Factory of Zuki and Vanessa delivers free of charge when one orders a minimum of one dozen cupcakes (for AWG. 36,--). Yummy flavors include Tiger Woods, James Brown, Fatal Attraction, Othello, 24 Karat and Red Velvet Moulin. You can order via 733-1280.

Photo shows enthusiastic cupcake lovers

On October 8th & 9th, 2010 Dutch Cosy Cotton blues band guest of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival

The fourth Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival will take place on October 8 and 9, with a warm-up preceding the festival. Held at Cas di Cultura, as is customary, the event has grown to full adulthood through the years. This means that world-class performers can be attracted to the event and thus the 2010 edition will be filled with the names of enormously talented artists. Names like Issac Delgado, the salsa virtuoso, Tizer featuring Karen Briggs, Marcus Miller, Swing Design, Red Fulka with Roel Calister will be the festival's headliners without contest.

One of last year's numerous top acts of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival was undoubtedly the Cosy Cotton blues band. An ecstatic audience kept on cheering them after their spectacular performance on the main stage in front of Cas di Cultura's entrance. And guess what: they are back with more blues and for more applause, for this year's edition of the festival.

The four members of the Cosy Cotton blues band are thrilled that internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and music producer Grana Louise will be belting out her songs together with them again. Alexander van Merten (drums), Boudy Loogman (bass guitar) and Bert Devies (guitar) are the original members of the 1980s band, which used to feature singer Wendy Sheridan. Now, more than 26 years later three of the band's musicians got together for a blues revival show in Holland and the bug bit again! Together with Hammond organ and piano player Joeko Dietrich they form once again the Cosy Cotton blues band. Rave reviews accompany the perfor-



Cosy Cotton blues band



Grana Louise

mances of the group, which takes its audience on a musical trip through the southern states of America, culminating in the cotton fields of Louisiana.

The story of Cosy Cotton goes back to 1986 when the band played at blues and jazz festivals, first as a warm-up act, but later playing with big names like BB King, Ray Charles, Robert Cray, the Blues Brothers and Chaka Kahn. The CD that was recorded was hugely successful as well. But in 1993 the members of Cosy Cotton decided to

venture out into the real world, starting businesses and getting families of their own and the band broke up. Two years ago, however, Bert, Boudy and Alexander got together again and the magic was back full blast to the joy of the former group's faithful fans. Together with singer Grana Louise and her powerful, awesome voice Cosy Cotton is soaring once again.

Welcome to the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival 2010, Cosy Cotton!

Singapore's 'happy coffins' celebrate life

SINGAPORE (AFP) – A Singapore charity yesterday announced the winners of an international art competition to design "happy coffins" to encourage the elderly and dying to celebrate life.

Six winning designs out of 733 entries from 37 countries were made into personalised coffins in cooperation with a local funeral home.

The first prize of 3,000 US dollars went to a 27-year-old Belgian woman, Ines van Gucht, whose design showed a furry black creature whom she described as a friend that would

take care of her after her death.

A message on the figure read: "Hello coffin. You seem to be nice. One day we will meet again. To the rest of you I say goodbye. I hope it was a blast "

Other entries included a coffin designed to resemble chocolate bars and another depicting the dishes of a "last supper" served on the top.

Under the slogan "My Life, My Coffin" the foundation said it wanted to encourage people to think "out of the box" about taboos surrounding death.

Three elderly Singaporean women living in a Roman Catholic shelter, St. Joseph's Home and Hospice, co-designed their own coffins with young local artists as part of the project.

"I'm very pleased with it," Elsie Chua, 76, said with a serene smile as she sat in a wheelchair beside a white coffin with blue drawings of a young woman at a sewing machine surrounded by roses, birds, butterflies and a reindeer.

"I was a seamstress before and I sewed dresses for my mother, and that's why I chose



it and the designer designed it for me," she told journalists.

The project was spear-

headed by the local Lien Foundation, which favours non-traditional forms of philanthropy.

Hugo Marquez of Colombia claims Overall Men's Body Building Champion



Overall Champion Hugo Marquez (L) with second place Light heavyweight winner Guiver Schouten of Aruba

Aruba and the Westin Resort in Palm Beach were proud to host the 38th Annual IFBB Central American Caribbean Amateur Bodybuilding & Fitness Championships and Assembly over this past weekend. Over 150 contenders from every corner of the Caribbean including Colombia and Venezuela participated, representing 23 nations of the region.



Saturday evening, September 25, trophies were awarded in 20 divisions where six finalists competed before the judges after Friday's preliminaries. Four superior specimens were selected from the first place winners in each category to receive the additional honor of being named Overall winners in Body Figure, Ladies Fitness, Men's Body Building and Ladies Body Building.

Final competition began at 3:00 PM with the various pose-offs that are always crowd pleasers. They continued to well into the night, culminating in the traditional competition that founded the dedication to bodybuilding and fitness among all genders, Men's Bodybuilding, in eight divisions ranging from Bantamweight to Super-heavyweight. The audience offered resounding applause to Sidney Outten of the Bahamas who was still competing in the final category at the age of 65!

Kelton Thomas Trinidad and Tobago claimed first place in the Bantamweight Division; Arnaldo Libert of Aruba was the first place Lightweight. In ascending order of weight, the other first place winners were: Jesus Cabrera of Puerto Rico, Welterweight, Orson Martin of Antigua and Barbuda, Light-middleweight, Plata of Colombia, Middleweight, Hugo Marquez of Light-heavy-Colombia, weight, Yunard Phillips of the Netherlands Antilles, Heavyweight, and Garwin Phillips of Bermuda, Super-heavy-





First place winners Bantamweight, Lightweight, Welterweight and Light-middleweight



First place winners men's super heavyweight, heavyweight, light heavyweight and middle weight catagories



winners Bodybuilding, Ladies' Fitness and Ladies' Bodybuilding

weight. While judges were deliberating over the Overall Men's Bodybuilding Champion, it was announced that next year's competition will take place in El Salvador and the Aruban organizing committee of the event was hon-

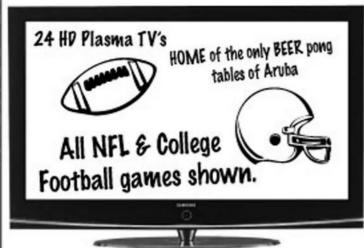
ored, as well as principal sponsor of the event, Gianni's Fitness Center.

The two-day event ended with Hugo Marquez of Colombia being named Overall Men's Bodybuilding Champion, which earned him not only the largest trophy of the 79 awarded, but his pro card, which allows him to compete on the international professional bodybuilding circuit once he has successfully passed the doping tests.

A full roster of all winners in all categories can be found on the Caribbean section of **IFBB** website at: http://www.ifbbcaribbean.co m/contestresults.html









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Monty's rousing speech inspires rookie McIlroy



NEWPORT (AFP) - Northern Ireland's rising golfing star Rory McIlroy admitted on Tuesday that European Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie's opening speech had put the hairs up on the back of his head.

The 21-year-old Ryder Cup rookie, who finished third in both the British Open and the PGA Championship this season, has in the past been accused of belittling the



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Palm Beach road 21 next to Kong Fui Supermarket Tel: (297) 586-0677 biennial clash with the United States declaring it an 'exhibition'.

But he conceded now he was just days away from making his debut - it gets under way here at Celtic Manor on Friday - that the buzz was getting to him, helped no end by Montgomerie's speech at a team meeting on Monday.

"I don't really want to go into too much detail, but Monty gave a great speech last night in the team room," said McIlroy.

"It was really inspirational and really got everyone going. He played a tape and he said a few words. That started the week off on the right foot.

"Yeah, it really did put the hairs up on the back of my head. It was great to be a part of, and not just the players were in there, the caddies were in there and the partners, as well.

"Everyone got a sense of how important it is for Europe and for The European Tour to win this Ryder Cup back."

McIlroy, who along with fellow Ulsterman and likely partner here Graeme Mc-Dowell played against the pairing of the Molinari brothers in practice on Tuesday, said he had been right to make his earlier comments.

"I think it's probably a good thing to downplay it because it's such a big event," he said

"You know, yeah, when you get here, you realise the importance of it and you realise how big it is and how important it is to everyone that, you know, I don't want to let myself down this week and I don't want to let anyone else down this week and that's the big thing.

Woods ready for Ryder Cup assault



NEWPORT (AFP) - Tiger Woods said he was ready to help lead the United States to Ryder Cup glory here Tuesday as anticipation mounted ahead of the 38th edition of the biennial golfing showdown.

The world number one, who was given a wildcard on to the American team after a hellish year of personal torment and poor form, said he believed he was on the road to rediscovering his best form as this week's contest loomed.

The 34-year-old superstar cut a relaxed figure before and during a morning practice round, receiving a rousing reception from a large gallery at Celtic Manor before ripping an immaculate drive off the first tee.

Afterwards, Woods told a press conference he was relishing the opportunity to resume combat with Europe again after a four-year absence. Injury ruled him out of

the American victory at Valhalla in 2008.

"It would be great to get a win and I'm looking forward to getting out there and contributing and hopefully getting some points," Woods said.

"It's just so neat to be a part of a team and quite frankly, we don't get to do it very often."

Woods said he had spent the build-up fine-tuning his game under the tutelage of coach Sean Foley.

Asked if he felt he was getting back on track after hitting the worst round of his career at the Bridgestone Invitational in August, where he finished at 18-over-par, he replied: "Absolutely."

Woods, however, batted away questions alluding to the turmoil in his private life which culminated in the collapse of his marriage to Swedish former model Elin Nordegren, a popular figure

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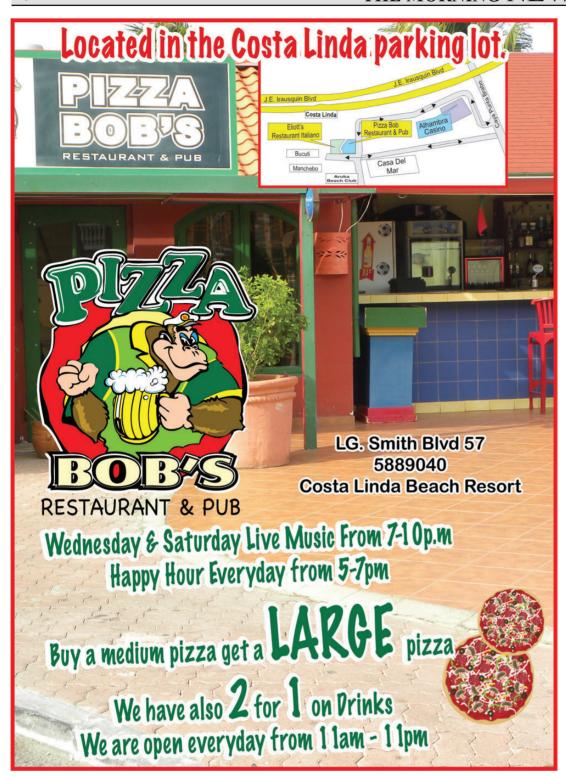
Woods had earlier teed off in a group including Hunter Mahan, Zach Johnson and Steve Stricker, the latter of whom he is expected to partner in Friday's opening fourballs and foursomes at the demanding 7,378-yar par-71 Twenty Ten layout.

"They are both great players," Pavin said of Woods and Stricker. "Tiger has been No.1 in the world for a long time, and Steve was playing great last year at the time. It's a pretty healthy combination."

Pavin said he expected the Americans would be able to cope with the traditionally partisan galleries once battle commences on Friday.

"The rookies will be prepared because we've talked about it," Pavin said. "But I don't see a situation happening out there that the people will applaud for bad shots or missed putts."

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Phillies clinch fourth consecutive **NL East title**

WASHINGTON (AFP) -The Philadelphia Phillies clinched their fourth-straight National League East crown with the help of pitching ace Roy Halladay who tossed a two-hitting gem on Monday.

Halladay earned his 21st win with his fourth shutout and ninth complete game and Jayson Werth drove in four runs, leading Philadelphia to a dominating 8-0 win over the Washington Nationals, wrapping up the division with five games remaining on the season.

"I felt good, we got enough runs, especially early," Halladay said. "It was a fun game to pitch in."

Halladay's 21st victory is a league high this season. He also has 10 losses.

Halladay heads to the Major League Baseball playoffs for the first time in his 13th major league season, having played his entire career with the Toronto Blue Jays before being traded to Philadelphia last winter.

"That's the reason you want to come to a team like this. They know how to do it," Halladay said. "It's the coolest thing I've been a part of. It's just the start. I think."

The two-time defending NL champion Phillies had already clinched a playoff berth and put throughout the playoffs.

a stamp on their dominance atop the division on Monday.

Jayson Werth provided the lion's share of the offence with a homer and four RBI, as Philadelphia improved to a 20-5 in September. The Phillies also became just the third team in NL history to make at least four consecutive playoff appearances.

"This is probably one of the best teams we've had over the last four years. We're right where we need to be," Werth said.

The Phillies clinched the best record in the NL and home field

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No problem with Woods and WAGS

NEWPORT (AFP) - Corey Pavin has laughed off suggestions of possible tension be-tween newly divorced Tiger Woods and the wives and girlfriends of his United States Ryder Cup team-mates.

Woods, who split with wife Elin Nordegren follow-ing revelations about his serial affairs, arrived in Wales alone on Monday while other American players travelled with their partners.

Europe captain Colin Montgomerie warned earlier

this year Woods might struggle to win acceptance from his team-mates' wives -- several of whom were friends with ex-wife Elin.

"Some of them will be friends with Elin and they will sympathise with her anger and pain. Some of them might find it hard to welcome Tiger back into the group."

"Everything's fine," Pavin said. "Team room's great. I didn't talk to anybody about anything like that. It's not necessary."



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